

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael Lennon Christopher on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is an august institution known for helping shape young boys into the future leaders of our country; and

WHEREAS, there is no greater honor in the Boy Scout tradition than the highly accomplished designation of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, in achieving this designation, Michael Lennon Christopher, 18, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on January 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, he is a diligent and conscientious member of Boy Scout Troop 83, which meets at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Maryville under the guidance of Scoutmaster Ronald Longmire; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of proud parents James and Linda Christopher of Maryville, who no doubt supported their son through the rigors of education, training, and projects needed to attain this highest honor; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle Scout project was to design, construct, and landscape, with help from family and fellow scouts, a three-table picnic area with concrete flooring at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, this project, in addition to empowering Mr. Christopher with the pride that comes with community volunteerism, allows the church to hold special events; and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Christopher, an accomplished senior at Maryville High School, also finds time to volunteer with the Blount County Rescue Squad and enjoys rescue squad activities and camping in his spare time; and

WHEREAS, among his many other accomplishments, Mr. Christopher was a counselor for three years at Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood and is the recipient of three President's awards from Maryville Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS, in following the Boy Scout oath to honor God and country, Mr. Christopher faithfully worships at Fellowship Baptist Church in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, he will enter Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Blount County this fall and eventually undertake studies to become an architect; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Mr. Christopher as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby applaud and honor Michael Lennon Christopher on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.